

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith is a Substitute Specification in which the specification as filed has been amended in various places to correct typographical and grammatical errors, and also to add section headings.

Applicants assert that, this Substitute Specification is the same as the Substitute Specification submitted in parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/227,203, filed August 23, 2002, except that paragraph [0001] has been amended to update the chain of applications.

The undersigned attorney asserts that no new matter has been incorporated into the Substitute Specification.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 1-21 have been cancelled and are replaced by new claims 22-38.

When the Examiner takes this case up for examination, it is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be taken into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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